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| For: ZINC OXIDE FILM, PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE MAKING USE OF THE SAME, | ·) : | |
| AND ZINC OXIDE FILM | ; | |

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed foreign patent document is enclosed.

US 6,346,184 and EP 0 915 523 were cited in a Search Report in a corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated June 2, 2006, is enclosed. US 6,802,953 corresponds to US 2002/100696, which was cited in the European Search Report.

US 2002/0063065 and JP 10-140373 were also cited in the European Search

Report. However, these documents are not listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 since

US 6,576,112 (which corresponds to US 2002/0063065) and JP 10-140373 were previously

cited in the March 29, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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